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MEMORANDUM

From: OP-922Y

To: Centra

Central Intelligence Agency

(Attn: Mr. James REBER)

Subj: Aerial Photography; request for

1. In connection with the Middle East crisis, it is extremely important that we determine the extent of Soviet or Soviet-manned submarines operating in the Mediterranean. There are believed to be at least two and perhaps four or more Soviet submarines now operating in the Mediterranean. Some of these may be destined for transfer, at least on paper, to the Egyptian Navy. It is equally possible that Soviet submarines may temporarily base on Albanian territory.

2. The Navy, therefore, has a requirement for aerial photography of these areas be obtained on a weekly basis or as practicable:

a. DURRES) 41-20N; 19-25E DURAZZO)

b. VLONE) 40-27N; 19-30E VLONA)

c. SAZAN) 140-30N; 19-16E SASSENO)

d. ALEXANDRIA 31-12N; 29-53E

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